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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace current claim 1 with the following:

1. (Amended) Footwear for leaving a personalized imprint on wet sand and other surfaces, comprising:

a sole portion having a bottom surface with a densely packed matrix of projections extending therefrom, the density of the packing being such that the projections are immediately adjacent to one another if not touching, and wherein:

each projection has a nominal length of 3/16 inch or greater, and a nominal width of 1/8 inch or greater, and

each projection is removable, enabling a user to remove a subset of the projections corresponding to the personalized imprint.